

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 4, 2005. Applicants have attached a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, extending the statutory period until June 4, 2005. Applicants request entry and consideration of the following remarks in response to the Office Action.

CLAIM REJECTIONS:

Claims 1-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over E.P. Patent No. 1 125 928 A1 (*Watanabe*).

As agreed upon on May 3rd, *Watanabe* does not teach, show or suggest B₁ and B₂ of the instant claims. The present motivation in B₁ and B₂ selection is to achieve certain symmetries to control molecular weight. *Watanabe* is proposing specific substituent groups (which are not those claimed herein) for the purpose of reducing catalyst byproducts. Catalysts are recognized as one of the most unpredictable art areas. Therefore, without a specific suggestion that such substitution of *Watanabe* would result in molecular weight control, *Watanabe* does not show, teach or suggest the instant claims.

In conclusion, Applicants submit that the references cited in the Office Action do not teach, show, or suggest the claimed features. Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,


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